

AL-II-B-111  
Miller Log House  
Gorman Road  
Keifers  
After 1876

The Miller Log House is one of many log houses built in the Keifers area during the latter half of the 19th century. The property on which the house stands is bordered on the south by the C & O Canal, and it was one of several properties once owned by John Hartley. In 1876, Hartley sold this and other properties to Sarah Reckley, a member of the family that farmed most of the area, and it is after that year that the house is estimated to have been built.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Miller Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Gorman Road

CITY, TOWN

Keifers

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Florence A. Sarver

Telephone #: 777-3381

STREET &amp; NUMBER

509 Beall Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 235

Folio #: 35

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Miller Log House is located one-half mile south of Gorman Road near Keifers, Maryland.

The building is a rectangular, two story, three bays wide structure built in two sections. The original log section has been covered with board and batten siding. A gabled addition on the west is a one story board and batten structure. One half of this addition is a kitchen, the other half is a porch.

The original log structure has no foundation but rests on wooden posts at the corners. The addition has a low foundation of concrete blocks. The roof of the original is gable flank covered with ribbed tin. That of the addition is gable front covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a projecting cornice and soffit. One chimney on the inside end of the log structure has a corbeled cap. One inside end brick chimney on the addition also has a corbeled cap.

Windows of the building are pedimented, double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash,nailed, with wooden slipsills. The entrance in the center of the eastern facade is a four paneled vertical board door. An original door with original hardware is on the west of the log structure within the addition. Addition windows are unusual double windows of two nine light sashes, that slide into the walls.

The shed roof front porch on the east has plain wooden posts. A log outbuilding has been covered with board and batten siding.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Miller Log House is one of several log houses built in the Keifers and Reckley Flat area during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

This is one of several properties in the area owned at one time by John Hartley. (See AL-I-C-021 ). In 1876 Hartley sold this and other properties to Sarah Reckley, a member of the family that farmed most of the area. 1 The building was probably erected by the Reckley family, but due to the nature of the deeds and the scarcity of information the date can only be estimated to be after 1876.

Most log houses in the region have no foundation but rest on stone pillars or, as in this case, wooden posts at the corners.

The property is bordered on the south by the C & O Canal. The building is in good condition and although the log section has been covered, it retains much of its original "flavor".

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1. Allegany County Land Records, Liber 62, Folio 376

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 114 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

3-33 Pershing Street777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

CumberlandMaryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

AL-II-B-111  
Miller Log House

Allegany County Deed: Liber 235, Folio 35  
Grantee: Florence Sarver Date: August 17, 1951  
Grantor: Mark A. Schriver  
Notes: 114 Acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 226, Folio 441  
Grantee: Mark A. Schriver et ux Date: September 26, 1949  
Grantor: Walter Hall et ux

Allegany County Will: Liber W, Folio 292  
Grantee: Walter P. Hall et ux  
Grantor: William M. Miller

Allegany County Deed: Liber 76, Folio 570  
Grantee: William M. Miller Date: May 25, 1892  
Grantor: John J. Reckley and Sarah Jane (wife) Consideration: \$150.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 62, Folio 376  
Grantee: Sarah J. Reckley Date: August 15, 1876  
Grantor: John Hartley Consideration: \$500.00

INVENTORY NO: AI-II-B-111DATE: 7/7/78REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Miller Log HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: end of road off Gorman RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EastNAME OF OWNER: Mrs. Benjamin F. SarverADDRESS: 509 Beall StreetSTORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: Frame addition-gabled-kitchen and porch in west.DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "T"WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(☒) LOG  
(☒) OTHER: Coverings Board and Batten

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone on postsWATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded BrickWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2(☒) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed(☒) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment(☒)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center eastern facade - original rear door w/original hardware  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(☒) in kitchen addition  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
4 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Box

CORNICHE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architraveROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, (tin) asphalt; original( ) replaced( )  
(Ribbed)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip( ) gable( ) on EastCHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(☒) Stone( ) Corbeled(☒) original(☒) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end(☒) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:USE: ResidenceSIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_

CONDITION: Good

Log smoke house. Windows on addition are 2 nine light sashes that slide into walls.

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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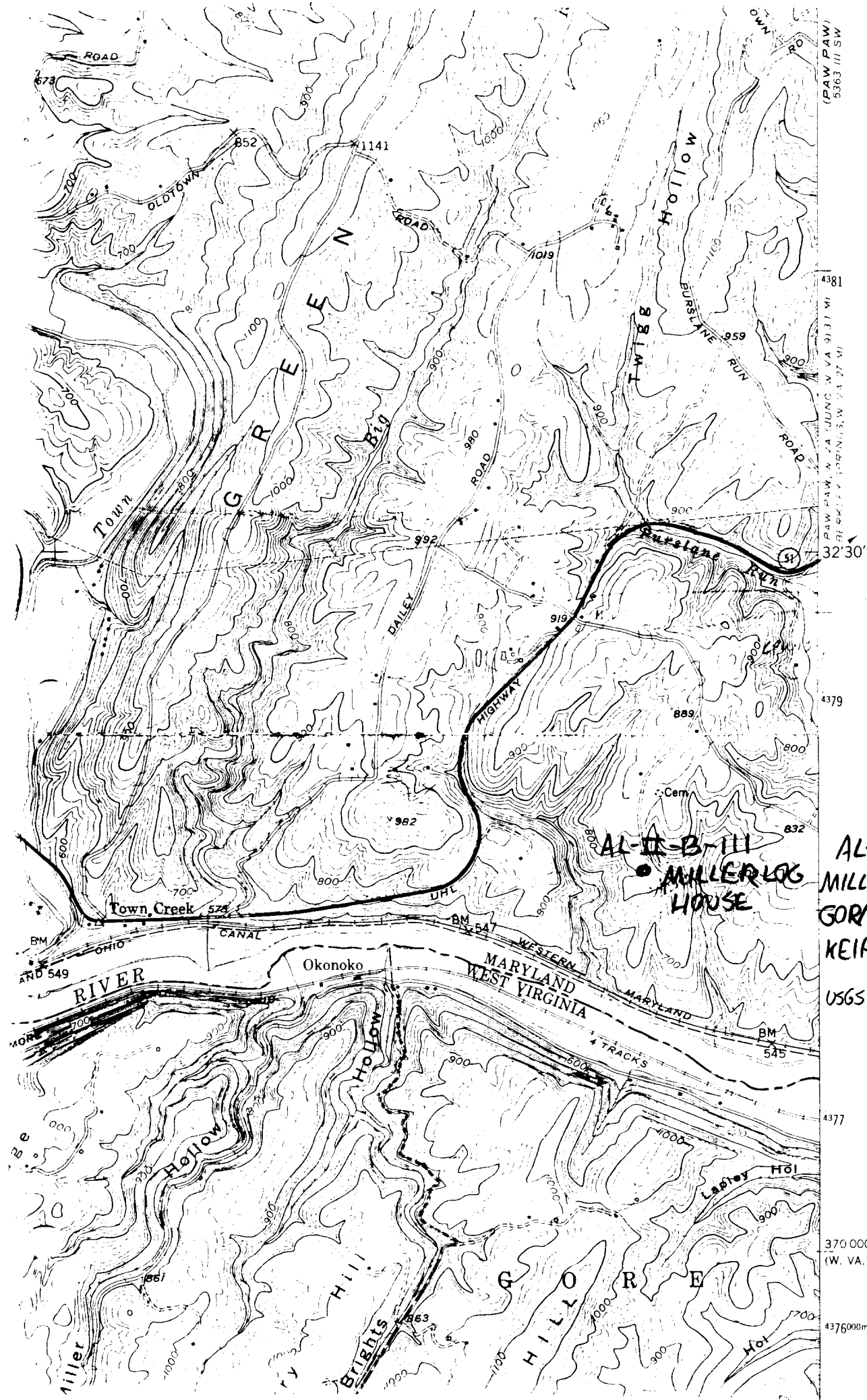
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AL-II-B-III  
MILLER LOG HOUSE  
GORMAN ROAD  
KEIFERS, MD  
USGS OLDTOWN QUAD  
1950

370 000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

4376000m N



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MILLER LOG HOUSE

Gorman Rd Reifers, Md

DAVID A. DORSEY

7/7/78

Northwest



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MILLER LOG HOUSE

Gorman RD. Keifers, MO.

DAVID A. Dorsey

7/7/78

Southeast